The Government has taken the following steps to improve the financial position of D.T.C.:—

1. Introduction of Voluntary Retirement Scheme in order to reduce its surplus staff.
2. Reduction in manpower ratio.
3. Ban on recruitment.
4. Realistic balance of loss making and profit earning routes being made on continuous basis.
5. Grant of additional funds to bring on road about 1000 buses lying idle for minor repairs etc.

Four Lanihg of Cuttack-Bhubaneswar Section of National Highway

1613. SHRI RAHASBIHARI BARIK: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there has been an inordinate delay in four laning the Cuttact-Bhubaneswar section of Howrah Madras National Highway;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the fund allocation made by the Central Government or World Bank for that Project so far; and

(d) the steps given to expedite the completion of four laning work of that project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The work is approved for Rs. 218.412 crores. Allocation of fund for the project is as follows:

Year	(Rs.in crores)
1994-95	21.50
1995-96	32.00

The work is in progress and is scheduled for completion by August, 1998.

Extradition of LITE Chief

1614. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA:
SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there exists an extradition treaty between India and Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, whether Government of India has made a formal request to Sri Lanka Government through diplomatic channel for extradition of LTTE Chief Velupillai Prabhakaran, who is wanted in both the countries for murders and other crimes;

(c) if no such treaty exists, whether Government are considering to have such a treaty with Sri Lanka Government or there exists other arrangements by which this extradition can be done; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI SALMAN KHURSHID): (a) to (d) No, Sir. Though we have no Extradition treaty, wc have an extradition arrangement with Sri Lanka by virtue of the extension of Extradition Act. 1962 to Sri Lanka vide Gazette Notification No. GSR 434(E) dated 17.8.1978 and the extension of Sri Lankan Extradition Law of 1977 to India vide Sri Lankan Gazette Notification No. L.D.—B. 6/77 dated 2nd June, 1977. This arrangement provides the legal basis for securing extradition of fugitive offenders from Sri Lanka.

The High Commission of India in Sri Lanka on June 3, 1995 formally handed over to the Government of Sri Lanka three separate requests from the Government of India along with supporting documents for the apprehension and extradition of (1) V Prabhakaran, leader of the LTTE, (2) Pottu Omman @ Sivasankar, Chief of Intelligence of the LTTE and (3) Akila @ Akila Akka, Deputy Chief of the Women's Intelligence Wing of the LTTE, accused in case No. RC 9(S)91/SCB Madras (C.C. No. 11/ 1992) relating to the assassination of Shri Rajiv Gandhi, former Prime Minister of India and others at Sriperumbudur near Madras on 21.-5.1991 to stand trial in the Designated Court-I at Poonamallee, Madras.

Removal of subsidies on rail travel

1615. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the World Bank has in its report